

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-69-88

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY PROBATION OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY ADOPTION AGENCIES
ALL GROUP HOME PROVIDERS
ALL FOSTER FAMILY AGENCIES
ALL GROUP HOME CONSULTANTS AND ASSOCIATIONS
LOCAL AND COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: 1988/89 AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN-FOSTER
CARE AND SERIOUSLY EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED (AFDC-FC/SED)
CHILDREN COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT (COLA) AND RATE
NOTIFICATION PROCESS

FAMILY HOMES

The Fiscal Year (FY) 1988/89 Budget Act does not provide a COLA for AFDC-FC funded family home basic rates, specialized care increments or clothing allowances. The FY 1988/89 AFDC-FC/SED standardized basic rates for family homes consequently remain at the following prior year levels:

AGE	1988/89 STANDARDIZED SCHEDULE
0-4	\$ 294
5-8	319
9-11	340
12-14	378
15-20	412

GROUP HOMES

The 1988/89 Budget Act does not provide a COLA for AFDC-FC/SED funded group homes. As a result, Manual of Policies and Procedures (MPP) Section 11-402.17(2) does not apply for FY 1988/89. For most providers, rate amounts and Federal/State funding ratios established for FY 1987/88 will continue for FY 1988/89.

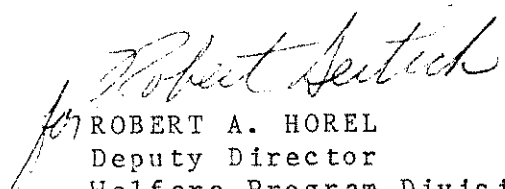
Group home providers will not receive individual rate notification letters this year unless their cost of operation has declined or a change in Program Peer Group was requested. In cases of a reduced rate, a provider-specific rate notification letter will be sent to each provider with a copy to placing Counties.

It is expected that a 1988/89 rate list of all providers, showing the rate and sharing ratios, will be issued in mid-August.

FOSTER FAMILY AGENCIES

Under the provisions of the Welfare and Institutions Code Section 11463, foster family agencies (FFAs) may receive a maximum 4.7% COLA for FY 1988/89. Foster family agencies whose existing rates are below or equal to the amount calculated by using the methodology specified in MPP Section 11-403(d) will receive a COLA increase. No COLA is available for those FFAs whose existing rates exceed the amount calculated by using MPP Section 11-403(d) methodology. Individual rate notification letters will be sent to each FFA with copies to placing Counties indicated by the FFA.

Foster family agencies or group home providers with questions regarding this letter should contact their Rates Analyst in the Foster Care Rates Bureau, at (916) 323-1263. County staff should contact their Foster Care Program Bureau Consultant, at (916) 445-0813.


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cc: CWDA